

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of the Reissue application filed February 2, 2004. This continuation application is filed under 35 USC § 251 and 37 CFR § 1.177.

The claims have been amended to more properly reflect the invention in view of recently discovered prior art. An Information Disclosure Statement formally submitting this prior art has been filed under separate cover.

Support for the amendment to claims 1, and 2 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 57 to column 5, line 2.

The Amendments to claims 3-7 delete the article "A," replacing it with the article "The" in order to place these claims in compliance with US format.

Claims 8-16 are also listed as "Amended" because, while appearing to be identical to the wording of claims 8-16 of the patent, they depend from an amended base claim and therefore have a different scope.

Support for the amendment to claims 17 and 18 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 57 to column 5, line 2 and at column 2, lines 38-55.

The Amendments to claims 19-36 delete the article "A," replacing it with the article "The" in order to place these claims in compliance with US format. In addition, while appearing to be

identical to the wording of claims 19-36 of the patent, they depend from an amended base claim and therefore have a different scope.

Forty-two new claims have been added.

Support for new claim 37 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 7-9. Support for new claim 38 also finds support in the Specification at column 6, lines 7-9, as well as at column 6, lines 16-22.

Support for new claim 39 can be found in the the Specification of the patent at column 12, lines 48-50. This passage also supports new claim 40 as does the disclosure at column 12, lines 39-41 and the results of Table 4.

Support for new claims 41 and 42 can be found in the the Specification of the patent at column 3, lines 65 to column 4 line 2 and at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for the hydrocortisone range in new claim 43 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 2-4.

Support for the hydrocortisone range in new claim 44 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, line 9.

Support for new claim 45 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 47-53.

Support for new claim 46 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-41 and at column 3, lines 65 to column 4 line 2 and column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 47 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-41 and lines 47-56, as well as at column 3, lines 65 to column 4 line 2 and column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 48 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-41 and at column 5, lines 47-53.

Support for new claim 49 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-29.

Support for new claim 50 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 35-36.

Support for new claim 51 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 32-37.

Support for new claim 52 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 16-22 and column 5, lines 47-53.

Claims 53-64 are copied from claims 1-12 of US patent number 6,514,980.

Support for new claim 53 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 54 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-27, column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 55 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 49-56.

Support for new claim 56 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 57 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-27, column 3, line 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 58 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 49-56.

Support for new claim 58 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 59 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 16-22, column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 60 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 49-56.

Support for new claim 61 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 62 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 16-22, column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 63 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 49-56.

Support for new claim 64 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 65 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 3, lines 41-44, column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4 and column 4, line 49 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 66 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 5, lines 25-27, column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 67 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 68 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 69 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 16-22, column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 70 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 71 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 6, lines 16-22, column 3, lines 41-44, and column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4.

Support for new claim 72 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, line 56 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 73 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 2, lines 38-58, column 5, lines 25-27, column 3, lines 41-44, column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4, and column 4 line 48 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 74 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 56-65.

Support for new claim 75 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 2, lines 38-58, column 6, lines 16-22, column 3, lines 41-44, column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4, and column 4 line48 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 76 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 56-65.

Support for new claim 77 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 2, lines 38-58, column 6, lines 16-22, column 3, lines 41-44, column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4, and column 4 line48 to column 5, line 2.

Support for new claim 78 can be found in the Specification of the patent at column 4, lines 56-65.

No new matter has been added.

All 36 of the originally issued claims that have been amended in this application are currently pending as are the forty-two (42) new claims, claims 37-78, presented in this application.

In view of the above remarks, all of the claims remaining in the case are submitted as defining non-obvious, patentable subject matter.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson (Reg. No. 30,330) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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